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1. SUMMARY: NYERERE IS STILL STICKING TO HIS POSITION THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT US-UK MEETING WITH PATRIOTIC FRONT TAKE PLACE IN DAR ES SALAAM. END SUMMARY.

2. IN DISCUSSION AT MSASANI EVENING MARCH 8 WITH PRESIDENT NYERERE, I FOUND HIM STILL STICKING TO POSITION THAT US-UK MEETING WITH PF MUST TAKE PLACE IN DAR ES SALAAM. NYERERE'S
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BASIC PREMISE IS THAT THE CHANCES OF REACHING AGREEMENT ARE GREATER IN TANZANIA AND HE ASKED ME TO EMPHASIZE THIS TO THE SECRETARY. IF NKOMO FINDS THAT HE CAN TURN VENUE AND TIME TO HIS CONVENIENCE, HE WILL TRY TO DO SAME WITH SUBSTANCE AND POSSIBILITY AGREEMENT WILL BE LOST. HOWEVER, IF ALL STAND FIRM, NKOMO WILL COME TO DAR ES SALAAM AND COOPERATE. MUGABE FEELS SAME WAY NYERERE DOES AND IS TAKING THAT MESSAGE TO NKOMO IN

MAPUTO.

3. NYERERE STRESSED THAT HE COMPLETELY UNDERSTANDS AND ACCEPTS US POSITION AS I HAVE CONVEYED IT THROUGH SALIM (REFTELS). HE IS ACUTELY AWARE OF SECRETARY'S SCHEDULING CONSTRAINTS AFTER APRIL 16 AND APPRECIATES SECRETARY'S WILLINGNESS TO GO EITHER LUSAKA OR DAR ES SALAAM FOR MEETING AND PREMIUM SECRETARY PLACES ON HAVING MEETING ASAP. FOR MOMENT, HOWEVER, NYERERE FEELS HE HAS TO STAND FIRM. HIS ORIGINAL THOUGHT WAS TO SAY: "ALL RIGHT; LET'S DO IT IN LUSAKA." HIS NEXT WAS TO CALL PRESIDENT KAUNDA AND TOGETHER FORCE NKOMO INTO LINE. BUT HE KNOWS WHAT KAUNDA WOULD SAY: "WE AGREED ON DAR ES SALAA. WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?" THE BEST THING TO SO IS TO STAY EXACTLY WHERE WE ARE; INDEED, THAT WILL MAKE IT EASIER FOR JOSHUA TO COME AROUND.

4. NYERERE SAID THAT HE HAD HEARD ON BBC 4:00 PM LOCAL TIME BROADCAST THAT IT HAD BEEN ANNOUNCED IN MAPUTO THAT AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED WITH PF FOR MEETING IN DAR ES SALAAM. HE IS STANDING ON THAT, EXCEPT THAT, IF IT SUITS NKOMO BETTER,

MEETING COULD CERTAINLY BE HELD ON APRIL 14-15 RATHER THAN 15-16; IN NYERERE'S JUDGMENT, EVEN ONE DAY SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT. INCIDENTALLY, NYERERE EXPLAINED, ONE OF THE PERIPHERAL REASONS WHY MEETING SHOULD NOT BE IN LUSAKA WAS THAT IT WOULD "UNBALANCE" THINGS. IT HAD BEEN AGREED IN LAGOS THAT
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ALL PARTIES MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE SOMEWHERE IN ZAMBIA AND MALTA II IN TANZANIA.

5. I POINTED OUT APPARENTLY EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES, AS WE KNEW THEM, FOR NKOMO'S POSITION: PRESENCE MUGABE'S PEOPLE AND TANZANIAN AMBASSADOR DURING MAPUTO DISCUSSION WITH LOW AND GRAHAM AND NKOMO'S EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS FOR MEETING IN DAR AT DIFFERENT DATE ETC. ABOVE ALL, I STRESSED, BASIC OBJECTIVE WAS AN AGREED MEETING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, WHEREVER IT WAS. NYERERE WOULD NOT ACCEPT THIS, INSISTING THAT HIS WAY WAS THE ONLY ONE TO GET A SUCCESSFUL MEETING AND INDICATING HIS CONFIDENCE THAT THIS COULD IN FACT BE DONE IN DAR ON PROPOSED DATES. HE AGAIN TURNED ASIDE MY URGING THAT HE AND PRESIDENT KAUNDA TAKE SOME USEFUL POSITIVE ACTION TO ENCOURAGE MOVEMENT. HE ENDED BY SAYING THAT HE WOULD LET US KNOW AS SOON AS HE HAD ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND WOULD APPRECIATE OUR DOING THE SAME FOR HIM.

6. COMMENT: IN VIEW GRAHAM-LOW-NKOMO MEETING IN MAPUTO, IT SEEMS ESSENTIAL THAT SOMEONE TELL ALL THIS TO NKOMO. NYERERE IS APPARENTLY RELYING ON MUGABE TO DO IT. SHOULD WE UNDERTAKE TO MAKE CLEAR TO NKOMO THAT WHILE WE ARE READY TO MEET IN

LOUSAKA, AS DISCUSSED IN MAPUTO, WE ARE ALSO PREPARED TO MEET
IN DAR ES SALAAM, IF THAT IS HOW THINGS COME OUT? IN SUM, WE
ARE NOT TAKING SIDES IN VENUE SQUABBLE.
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